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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 21 Percent From December 2008

On December 1, 2009, Arizona had 282,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 77,000 head (21 percent) from a year ago but up 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head during November, the same as a year ago. During November, 22,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 6,000 head from last year.

On December 1, 2009, California had 465,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 30,000 head from last year and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 50,000 head during November, 2,000 head more than last year. During November, 53,000 head were marketed, up 3,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below December 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.85 million, 8 percent below 2008. For the month of November, placements were the second lowest since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 395,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent above 2008. For the month of November, fed cattle marketings were the third lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during November, 1 percent below 2008.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2008-2009

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During November			Number Marketed During November			Other Disappearance During November 2/		
	Dec 1, 2008	Nov 1, 2009	Dec 1, 2008											
			Number	as % of 2008	as % of Nov	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	359	279	282	79	101	26	26	100	28	22	79	1	1	100
CA	495	470	465	94	99	48	50	104	50	53	106	3	2	67
CO	1,010	1,040	1,060	105	102	185	165	89	130	140	108	5	5	100
ID	225	210	215	96	102	65	45	69	49	39	80	1	1	100
IA	500	540	560	112	104	92	108	117	75	85	113	2	3	150
KS	2,310	2,330	2,330	101	100	405	355	88	310	340	110	15	15	100
NE	2,380	2,400	2,410	101	100	440	400	91	355	380	107	15	10	67
NM	168	D	D	D	D	21	D	D	23	D	D	2	D	D
OK	335	375	375	112	100	69	57	83	52	53	102	2	4	200
SD	220	205	235	107	115	57	67	118	35	35	100	2	2	100
TX	2,810	2,730	2,760	98	101	510	455	89	395	405	103	15	20	133
WA	169	155	172	102	111	36	47	131	29	29	100	1	1	100
Other Sts	365	400	418	X	105	62	70	X	44	50	X	3	2	X
US	11,346	11,134	11,282	99	101	2,016	1,845	92	1,575	1,631	104	67	66	99

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. X Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## November Red Meat Production Above Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in November, up 2 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in November 2008.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.60 million head, up 3 percent from November 2008. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 5 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, up slightly from November 2008. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from last year, at 246 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.92 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.46 million head, up 1 percent from

November 2008. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,200 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2009 commercial red meat production was 45.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	November 2008	October 2009	November 2009	November 2009 as % of 2/	
				November 2008	October 2009
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>29,600</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>United States</b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	1,959.3	*2,275.3	2,015.3	103	89
Veal	11.3	12.2	11.8	105	96
Pork	1,886.1	2,089.1	1,921.4	102	92
Lamb and Mutton	12.8	14.3	14.4	112	100
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,869.5</b>	<b>*4,391.0</b>	<b>3,962.8</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>90</b>

\* Revised

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - November 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - November			January - November		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	<b>474.0</b>	<b>605,432</b>	<b>1,283</b>	30,580.5	39,404,784	1,293
	<b>1.3</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>234</b>	103,750.3	28,060,072	271

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

## U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled

the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for March-May 2010, at 2.94 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

## November Milk Production Down 1.0 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from November 2008. October revised production at 14.3 billion pounds, was down 1.2 percent from October 2008. The October revision represented a decrease of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for November, 25 pounds above November 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 209,000 head less than November 2008, and 6,000 head less than October 2009.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, November 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>AZ</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
CA	1,845	1,765	1,795	1,775	3,312	3,133	-5.4
CO	130	116	1,845	1,880	240	218	-9.2
FL	119	113	1,320	1,300	157	147	-6.4
ID	554	546	1,770	1,790	981	977	-0.4
IL	102	101	1,470	1,510	150	153	2.0
IN	167	169	1,580	1,620	264	274	3.8
IA	215	215	1,630	1,670	350	359	2.6
KS	121	112	1,695	1,740	205	195	-4.9
MI	353	354	1,780	1,810	628	641	2.1
MN	467	469	1,525	1,535	712	720	1.1
MO	110	105	1,175	1,170	129	123	-4.7
NM	334	315	1,900	1,985	635	625	-1.6
NY	624	611	1,580	1,580	986	965	-2.1
OH	277	276	1,460	1,500	404	414	2.5
OR	115	114	1,555	1,560	179	178	-0.6
PA	548	537	1,510	1,560	827	838	1.3
TX	430	413	1,600	1,710	688	706	2.6
UT	85	83	1,685	1,740	143	144	0.7
VT	139	134	1,455	1,470	202	197	-2.5
VA	97	95	1,410	1,440	137	137	
WA	245	241	1,840	1,870	451	451	
WI	1,254	1,258	1,565	1,630	1,963	2,051	4.5
23-State Total	8,519	8,310	1,654	1,679	14,089	13,955	-1.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### December Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 136 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from November. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, soybeans, grapes, and strawberries and lower prices for oranges, cattle, corn, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) from December 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased 5 points (3.8 percent) from December 2008.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from November but 1 point (0.6 percent) below December 2008. Lower prices in

December for diesel, feeder cattle, other services, and potash & phosphate offset higher prices for herbicides, feeder pigs, supplements, and LP gas.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, December 2008 and 2009 and November 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		December 2008 Entire Month	November 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Mid-Month	December 2008 Entire Month	November 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	53.3	58.5	58.2
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	272.00	177.00	198.00	220.00	159.00	164.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	3/	1/	1/	280.00	154.00	162.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	188.00	105.00	105.00	152.00	110.00	110.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	30.50	39.00	38.90	30.70	41.90	39.20
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	40.00	43.00	45.00	40.20	41.70	42.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	89.00	86.00	84.00	85.70	85.40	83.50
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	61.10	58.50	59.00	79.70	79.60	78.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	94.00	98.00	101.00	98.90	105.00	105.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.50	14.40	15.20	15.50	15.30	16.30

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	142	135	136	136
Prices Paid	182	178	177	177
Ratio 1/	78	76	77	77

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.